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SUMMARY: MAKARIOS GAVE COUNCIL HIS VERSION OF GREEK GOVT'S INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS COUP AND EVENTS LEADING UP TO IT, ENDING WITH PLEA THAT COUNCIL RESTORE CYPRUS' INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY. GREEK REP READ SCRIPT OF GREEK NON-INVOLVEMENT AND CONCERN ABOUT "INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS" IN CYPRUS. TURK WAS MODERATE IN
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TONE, BUT SAID REPLACEMENT RATHER THAN WITHDRAWAL OF NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS WAS UNACCEPTABLE. UK URGED RESTRAINT AND SOVIETS CHARGED NATO INVOLVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TOLD PACKED SECURITY COUNCIL CHAMBER JULY 19 THAT GREECE HAD ORGANIZED AND PUT INTO EFFECT JULY 15 COUP D'ETAT. HE TRACED EVENTS LEADING TO HIS OVERTHROW, INCLUDING RESUMTPION OFVIOLENCE BY EOKA-B WITH WEAPONS SUPPLIED BY GREECE AND OPEN PROPAGANDA BY GREEK OFFICERS IN NATIONAL GUARD CAMPS. MAKARIOS SAID THAT WHILE GREEKS HAD ARGUED THAT WITHDRAWING NG OFFICERS WOULD WEAKEN CYPRUS' DEFENSE AGAINST TURKEY, EVENTS HAD PROVED DANGER FROM TURKEY WAS FAR LESS THAN THAT FROM GREECE. ONE COULD ONLY BE AMAZED AT WAY GREEK JUNTA WAS TRYING TO DECEIVE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION BY CLAIMING NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS OVERTHROW. NOT ONLY WERE NG OFFICERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN COUP, BUT GREEK CONTINGENT PLAYED PREDOMINANT ROLE BY CAPTURING NICOSIA AIRPORT. PROOF OF GREEK OFFICERS' INVOLVEMENT WAS FACT THAT NUMBER OF THEM WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED, AND LATER TRANSPORTED BACK TO ATHENS BY GREEK AIRCRAFT. AFTER COUP, GREEKS APPOINTED "WELL KNOWN GUNMAN" NICOS SAMPSON AS PRESIDENT, AND HE IN TURN APPOINTED SUPPORTERS OF EOKA-B AS MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. GREEK INVASTION WOULD CONTINUE SO LONG AS SAMPSON REGIME REMAINED IN CONTROL. IN CONCLUSION, MAKARIOS SAID HE EXPECTED SC TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION TO RESTORE INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY TO CYPRUS AND REMOVE GREEK NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS.

2. AFTER ARCHBISHOP LEFT CHAMBER (AND ROSSIDES TOOK CHAIR), GREEK AMBASSADOR PANAYTOCOS REPEATED GREEK PARTY LINE THAT RECENT EVENTS WERE INTERNAL AFFAIR OF CYPRUS FOVERNMENT, ATHENS WAS WATCHING SITUATION WITH CONCERN, ETC. HE RECOUNTED MAKARIOS' MANY SINS INCLUDING FACT THAT ARCHBISHOP "IGNORED THE GOOD ADVICE OF THE ETHNIC CENTER." HE CONCLUDED WITH TEN-MINUTE ATTACK ON ARCHBISHOP AND HIS "LEFTIST HATCHETMEN."

3. TURKISH AMB OLCAY DELIVERED RESTRAINED AND SOMEWHAT RAMBLING STATEMENT ON "LEGAL ASPECTS" OF SITUATION. HE SAID EVERY APPEARANCE OF LEGITIMACY ON GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE HAD NOW VANISHED. HE ARGEUED THAT WHATEVER RESOLUTION COUNCIL ADOPTED SHOULD REFLECT FACT THAT CYPRUS' CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE WAS JEOPARDIZED. HE CONCLUDED BY STATEMENT THAT "MERE

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REPLACEMENT" OF NG OFFICERS RATHER THAN PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

4. USSR FOLLOWED YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA AND INDIA. (STATEMENTS OF LATTER THREE, PLUS CHINA, AUSTRIA AND AUSTRALIA BEING TRANSMITTED BY USUN UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY.) SOVIET STATEMENTS CONTAINED VIRTUALLY SAME ELEMENTS AS USSR SPEECH AT CLOSED MEETING WHICH WAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY. DEPUTY PERMREP SFRONCHUK ECHOED MANY OF MAKARIOS' ALLEGATIONS ABOUT GREEK INTERVENTION, QUOTING FROM WESTERN NEWSPAPERS TO SUPPORT HIS POINTS. HE CHARGED CYPRUS COUP WAS ORGANIZED BY GREECE AND "CERTAIN NATO CIRCLES," AND CLAIMED NATO HAD IN PAST OBSTRUCTED POSSIBILITIES OF SETTLEMENT.

5. UK PERMREP RICHARD SPOKE AFTER US (AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL). RICHARD VIGOROUSLY REBUTTED USSR CHARGE OF NATO INVOLVEMENT, NOTING IT WAS A NATO POWER, BRITAIN, WHICH HAD RESCUED MAKARIOS. RICHARD CHARCTERIZED GREEK GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF "WITHDRAWAL/REPLACEMENT" AS A HELPFUL STEP ... BUT ONLY A FIRST STEP. HE REITERATED UK RECOGNITION OF MAKARIOS, SAYING BRITAIN WOULD WISH TO SEE ARCHBISHOP BACK AS ELECTED, LAWFUL LEADER OF CYPRUS. FINALLY, HE WARNED THAT THOSE MOST CONCERNED WITH CYPRUS' SITUATION MUST IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES EXERCISE EXTRAORDINARY PATIENCE.
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